

THE
PROCEEDINGS,
Votes, Resolves,
AND
ACTS

Of the late Half-quarter *Parliament*,

CALLED

The RUMP:

As it was taken out of their own Journal-Books,
and Printed for the general Satisfaction
of the *NATION*.



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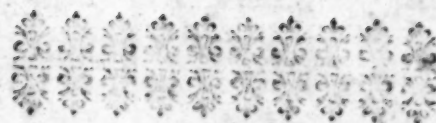
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THE RUMPS JOURNAL, &c.

Thursday, Jan. 27.

ORDERED,

THat the Members now met together, do sit here as long as they live, in spite of the Peoples teeth; and that the Government of the Nation be entail'd upon their Heirs successively unto Eternity; and that this their Resolution be forthwith confirmed by an Act of the House.

Accordingly an Act was brought in, and ordered to be speedily ingrossed, the tenor whereof was as followeth:

WHEREAS the Parliament have thought fit, for the good of themselves, to keep the Government in their own hands as long as they live: And whereas well knowing how laudable a thing it is for Fathers to provide for their Children, (seeing that the Ape hath a kindness for her own Whelps) that they may alwayes have cause to bless the tender care of their deceased Parents, we are also Resolved to continue the said Government to our Heirs and Assigns for ever; which intention of ours, there is nothing but the Day of Judgement can hinder, for that, as we are informed, will put an end to the World within a small period of years, and consequently destroy the reign of our Posterity.

Be it therefore Enacted by this present Parliament, and by the Authority thereof, That no person or persons whatsoever, whether Red-coat or Red-coats, Blew-coat or Blew-coats, Cavalier or Cavaliers, or whatever other Faction soever, that conceive themselves aggrieved by us, do attempt or endeavour to molest, disturb or hinder our sitting during the whole term of ours and their natural lives; and that our Sons, and our Sons Sons do tyrannize over this Nation for ever and ever. And we do

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further Enact and Declare, that the aforesaid Day of Judgement is hereby disannulled, abolished, and straitly forbid, as if it had never been intended; And all creatures both in heaven and earth, are required to take notice of this Act, and to give obedience thereto, upon penalty of our displeasure, and the anger of our Posterity, who we hope will be no better then our selves.

Friday, January 28.

Resolved upon the Question, That Tyranny and Oppression are not only lawful, but expedient for the Management of the publick Affairs; and that Justice, Morality, Conscience, and Priviledges of the People, are but meet airy notions, and destructive to the peace of the Commonwealth.

This day they also made an Act declaring what should be Treason.

WHEREAS it concerns those who are got into Authority, to look well about them for their own Security, and to be as subtle as their enemies can be for their hearts and bloods; And whereas we the Rump and Bumm of a wrongfully disturbed Parliament, have taken upon us to succeed the Thirty Tyrants of *Athens*, in the monstrousness of their Fame, And whereas there are millions of people who care not a fart for us, and would do all they could to destroy us, yet plead the Laws of the Land for their Contrivances against us, we have therefore thought fit to publish our Commandements, and to chalk out unto them what is Treason against us, and what not, for that 'tis impossible for them to know unless they be told; Be it therefore Enacted by this present *Rump*, and the Authority thereof, That who ever yieldeth not an exact Obedience unto us both in thought, word, and deed, shall be guilty of high Treason. Who ever putteth not off his Hat, and maketh not three Congies to us as we pass through the Hall, shall be guilty of high Treason. Who ever talketh to us with his Hat on, and dares to reprehend us for any enormity which we shall commit, shall be guilty of high Treason. Who ever shall see a *Rumper* in bed with his wife, and is not patient and willing, and holdeth not his tongue, shall be guilty of high Treason. If a *Rumper*, being in the majesty of his thoughts as high as *Ahab*, shall happen to covet the Vineyard of *Naboth*, and shall make demand thereof, and shall be refused, who ever shall make such refusal, shall be guilty of high Treason. Who ever shall demand any Debt or Debts due from a *Rumper*, be they more or less, shall be, and is hereby adjudged guilty of high Treason. Lastly, That Mr. *Harrington* shall be, and is hereby declared guilty of high Treason, for publishing the Mysteries of Government in a profane Coffee-house, and seeking to impose upon us his silly *Oceana*, as if we knew not our own intentions, and what sort of Government was best for our turn better then he did.

Resolved upon the Question, That Mr. *Scot* shall, as soon as he is dead, go to heaven without let or molestation, notwithstanding a certain place of Scripture which seems to intimate the contrary from the practice of his life.

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Ordered, That Mr. *Scot* do print the Sermons of Mr. *Roe*, from the Copies which he hath writ in the *Abby*, and that the Stationer give him as much proportionably, as *Adoniram* had for the Assemblies Directory.

Ordered, That though Mr. *Scot*, as he is Secretary of State, have liberty to dive into the secrets of mens hearts, that he do not so often dive into the secrets of womens bodies, as he us'd to do, lest he fail the Secretary-ship sooner then they are willing the Secretary-ship should fail him.

Saturday, January 29

This day the House agreed upon an Act, for putting an Excize upon Trap-sticks and Whirligigs, in these following words :

W H E R E A S we do perceive a very great dis-affecton in the Children and Boys of this Nation to our Government, by singing Ballads to our disgrace, and calling us the *Rump* at every word; which hatred to us is grown so high, that though they can be able to spend many a brass Farthing and single Penny upon Whirligigs and Trap-sticks, for their own delight, yet they are altogether unwilling to contribute the least mite toward our crying necessities, That therefore we may be too cunning for them in their wicked intentions, and gain from them as well as from the rest of the Nation, Be it Enacted and Ordained by this present Parliament, and the Authority thereof, That there be a New Excize laid upon the Instruments of their Pastime; that is to say, Three farthings upon every Trap-stick that shall be sold for a penny, and five farthings upon every Box Grass-car which is sold for two pence; and one farthing for every dozen of Whirligigs that shall be sold for a half penny: And it is further Ordained, That Mr. *Leadsum* the Informer be Collector of the several Sums so to be gathered, and that the said Sums so collected shall be equally divided among the Members for their own private and particular uses.

Resolved upon the Question, That the Apothegm of *Trajan* the Emperor, *Dulcis odor lucri ex re qualibet*, be writ in Letters of Gold, and placed over the House door.

Ordered, That the famous Book, commonly called *Aretines Postures*, be bound up in Turkey-leather, with gilded Leaves, and that it be presented to Mr. *Martin* in the name of the House, as an Acknowledgement of their Thanks to him for his many good services.

Ordered, That he have a particular Dispensation for having two wives, because it is not fit that there should be any general Rule without some Exceptions.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dove* be Brewer to the Navy, that he may not forget his Calling, as Col *Pride* was in the Protectors time.

Monday, January 30.

Ordered, That there be another High Court of Justice erected with all convenient speed, and that Sir *Arthur Heflrigg* be President thereof, and that it be committed to his discretion to pronounce what Iudgement he pleases, and that he have full power to execute it himself when he hath done.

Ordered, That there be a Day set apart for a private Fasting among the
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Members, that they may fall upon the great Work of Devouring the Nation with the better stomachs.

This day several Officers received their Commissions, and among the rest Mr. *Streater* received his Commission to be a Colonel of Foot, of the Regiment formerly belonging to the single-ey'd Gentleman that gave command to shoot his brother Cöbler.

Ordered, That the Lord *Mounson* have a priviledge to wear a Back-piece, and Breast-plate, and a Pot, to secure his bones from the knocks of his Ladies Bed-staff.

Ordered, That Mr. *Syndercomb* be canonized for a Saint, and that a Letter be forthwith sent to the Great Turk, intreating him to perform that pious work.

Ordered, That the Walls of *Sion* shall be let alone, but that the Cities of *Sodom* and *Gomorha* shall be rebuilt, and the said Lord *Mounson* and Mr. *Martin* do see it performed accordingly.

Ordered this day, That Mr. *Praise-God Barebone* shall be Master of the Ceremonies, and that it be his care to convert all the Forein Embassadors that come over, and see them rebaptized before they have Audience.

Tuesday, January 31.

The House were upon Qualifications, and they *Ordered* that none should bear any Office in the Commonwealth, that had the least pick in the world against Perjury, and could not swallow any Oath which they should command them to take, with as much ease as the Whale swallowed *Fonas*. Secondly, That they should be Sectaries of the latest Edition, men indeed despising any Deity, but loving Covetousness with all their hearts. Thirdly, That they should have the treachery of Informers, the tongues of Slanders, the malice of Toads, the venom of Basilisks, the cruelty of *Nero*, and the tyranny of *Pharaoh*.

Ordered, That *London* be set on fire, and that there be another great City built in some other part of the Nation, and that all the free-born People of the Land be compelled to make bricks, and gather straw for themselves, for the carrying on of the great Work, that they may appear to be most truly Gods people, that is to say, in affliction, and not after the custom of the *Heathen* under the Government of a King.

Ordered, That the Protectors Grave be broke open, and that the Plate of Gold which is upon his breast be taken off, and that the Members do throw mo't at three throws who shall have it.

Resolved upon the Question, That Mr. *Vavasour Powel*, Mr. *Feak*, and Mr. *Rogers* be sent to the Top of *Penmenmaur*, the highest hill in all *Wales*, there to pray upon their bare knees, till God hear them, and give them an answer.

It was also *Ordered*, because they intended to hang a good number of their enemies. That Mr. *Peters* be sent for to accompany them to the Gallows, as he did in the beginning.

Ordered, That my Lord *Craven* shall never have any justice done him, nor any other person that hath been wronged since their Fellow-members were excluded.

Wednesday

Wednesday, February 1.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prynne* do say or write what he pleases, because the House is not able to give any answer to the Law and Reason which he propounds.

Ordered; That *Wimbleton*-House be sequestred, because the summer draws on, and Sir *Arthur* wants a fine Seat near the Town.

Ordered likewise, That he have the Protector's gilt Coach, and that he ride out of Town every Afternoon to take the Air, as the Protector was wont to do.

Ordered, That Colonel *Martin* do not pay one farthing to his Landlord in *Ax-yard*, but that he do forthwith Arrest him for detaining his Clothes for Rent, and that he justify this act by the Authority of the House.

Ordered, That Sir *Arthur Heslriggs* Daughter go no more with her Father's Clerk to eat a Six-penny mine'd Pye in an open Cooks shop, or if she do, that she go up stairs, and not sit in one of the small Rooms where none but Porters drink, lest she bring a great scandal upon her Family.

This day came a Letter from the General of the *Cossacks*, humbly desiring the House to send him twelve stone of Brisket beef, and seven great Cabbages, with two Hogshoads of *Northdown Ale*, for that his wife long'd to taste some of the English Dyct.

The House was resolv'd into a Grand Committee about this urgent Affair, they sate till ten of the clock at night, and adjourned till the next day.

Thursday, February 2.

This day they resumed the said Debate again, and being put to the Vote, it was carried in the Affirmative onely by two Voices.

Ordered, That the Earl of *Pembroke* does very well in going to Mistress *Creswells* in Moor-fields, to mortifie his pamper'd flesh; and that it is no sin for a Quaker to go a whoring after strange women, provided he do not go a whoring after strange Gods.

Resolved upon the Question, That the said Earl is not wise enough to make himself the Head of the Quaking Faction, let him do what he can: And that there be a Committee to examine his Lordship whither he went, when he stay'd away from his house a whole fortnight together, to wait upon two Draggel-rayl Bitches, that made him believe they were two Kings daughters all glorious within.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nevil*, because he will play at *Picquet* with no body but us, nor so much as venture upon any hands but ours, have a *Sizisme* out of Sir *George Booths* Estate, as the reward of his Constancy.

The House having heard the report, How that Pope *Gregory* was struck with a perpetual pain in his stomach and feet by an Angel, because he compelled God by his Prayers to deliver *Trajan* out of hell, and transfer him into Heaven, they were struck with a panick fear; and whereas they had intended to have desir'd of God to do as much for the Lord *Bradshaw* as he did for *Trajan*, they resolv'd upon the consideration of the event, even to let him alone where he is, and not to have him surpris'd by any means.

Friday

Friday, February 3.

Ordered this day the first thing they did, That all that would not take the Oath of Abjuration and the Engagement, should be Bond slaves.

Ordered, That those Members that will keep whores, may not be expelled for that, because it ought to be presum'd before hand, that those Members cannot be without 'um.

Ordered, That there be a publick Toleration of Bawdy-houses, upon condition that they pay a yearly Stipend to the Members, there being no reason why the House may not, as well as St. Peter, be beholding to the Stews for part of their Revenue.

Ordered, That there be speedily levyed upon the Nation more pounds, then there be Indulgences in the Lateran Church, which Pope Boniface said a great while ago, that onely God could number.

Saturday, February 4

This day some few of the Anabaptists children, whose Fathers had owned their Authority, put up a Petition to the House, making heavy moan by reason of the Excize which was laid upon their Play things, but the House took it so hainously, that they voted the Petition scandalous, seditious, and to the prejudice of the Members; and that the Boys should be publicly whipt upon the Scaffold upon Tower-hill; and Mr. Du-gard was order'd to slash their buttocks soundly.

Ordered, That Fryar Rookwood do live securely under our protection, notwithstanding that he is both a Coyner and a Felon, by reason that he is an excellent Informer, and hath done us very good service in betraying sundry of our enemies.

Monday, February 6.

This day there was a Petition presented to the House, in the name of sundry Welsh Farmers, which was as followeth:

To the reeght Honoraple, &c.

The Humble Pettishon of sundry Shentlemen of Walles:

Doth most humbly shew to your Worships,

THat whereas there were sundry fery creat Repells in our famous Countries of *Walles*, who did rise hup in repellion against your Worships, and would have killed and slain all your cood Worships, as we are fery well able to testifie unto your Worships, once more py Cods crace in Parlament assembled; And whereas the Ring leater of these pase Repells was a fery creat Shentleman of *Walles*, a man of a fery creat power, and of a fery creat Estate, py name Sir *Hugh Middleton*, and whereas we so understand that you are coing apout to sell all his fery creat means,

May it therfore pless a your cood Worships, if you will sell such cood penyworths as your cood Worships formerly have done, as tere is no doubt, putt your cood Worships must be forced to do, to lett your poor Pettishners have a cood pargain of your cood Worships, as soon as another, for py Cods plutree nells wee pee Shentlemen of *Walles*, and will pay your cood Worships fery honestly, and pefides that we shall pe efer pound to pray, &c.

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The Petition being read, the Petitioners were called in, and received the thanks of the House, which the Speaker did give them accordingly.

Ordered, That a Letter be sent down to Colonel *Overtou*, to know upon what grounds he dares keep *Hull* for Jesus Christ, while they are the Supream Authority of the Nation?

They also resolved upon the form of an Oath, which was this:

You shall Swear to be faithful and constant to Us, our Heirs, Executors, and Assigns, from generation to generation, as long as the world endures, and longer, if possible may be. That you shall obey us in every thing, whether lawful or unlawful. And that you set your Consciences adrift in a Bowl-dish in the middle of the Thames, where you may never see them more, when you enter into our service; without which burthen you can never be fit and qualified for our employments. That you shall subscribe with your own blood, as the devil bindeth Witches when he makes them enter into Covenants.

Tuesday, February 7.

Ordered, That Mr. S. and L. R. be sent to consult with the most knowing Physicians in that particular, which is the best and most secret way of removing the Lord General out of the way, in case he do not answer their expectations.

Resolved upon the Question, That he is no true Politician who cannot tell how to remove any Obstacle or Obstruction that lyes in the way of his Advancement; and that those that follow the practices of *Caesar Borgia* cannot erre.

This day the Ministers did shew to the House sundry and weighty Reasons why they should not demolish the Universities, or take away tythes.

Hereupon the House made answer, That neither the Universities nor tythes should be medled withal as yet; for they did not finde themselves able to go about a Work so generally dis-satisfactory to the Nation: However in process of time they hoped they should be able to get those large Revenues also into their Clutches, which were a very great scandal and eye-sore to many weak and distressed Brethren, and indeed that it was a shame that those things that were founded in a time of Superstition, should not be taken away in a time of Reformation.

They also told the said Ministers, that who ever would assise them in this so pious a Work, should have very good shares, which should enable them to live without the help of those Idolatrous Revenues.

Resolved, that the House do bestow one thousand pound per week upon themselves, out of the Publique-treasury of the Nation, because the wants of the Soldiery are very heavy, and the necessities of the people extraordinary great.

Resolved upon the question, that Mr. C. H. is as good a Gentleman as any is in England, now he hath got an Estate [though it be known he was originally a Link-boy] And that the Pedigree which he hired

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Wil. Lilly to make him; whereby he derived himself from *John Holland* Earl of *Exeter*, be as Authentick as any the most ancient Pedigree in the Heralds Office.

Wednesday, February 8.

The House having this day little to do, resolved that a Letter of thanks should be sent to the two Gyants, *Dramusland* and *Tramustant*, and also to *Clerimon* Knight of the *Green tree*, for their great kindness to *Don Palmerin*, the renowned English Champion. And they further Ordered, that three *London* Prentices should be made choice of to go with the Letter.

Thursday, February 9.

Ordered, that *H. Martin* be rebuked for forbidding the people at the Sessions in *Berkshire* to stand bare, and to do Fealty and Homage to their Lords, being a tenent of a dangerous Consequence, and destructive to the Interest of the now intended Commonwealth.

Resolved upon the question, that the spirit which sanctifies every particular Member of this House, doth in every particular Member blow where it listeth, sometimes this way, sometimes that way, and therefore they can make no profession of any certain Doctrine or Discipline, because they know not which way the spirit will blow their light Weather-cock Hearts.

Resolved upon the question, that if a man be questioned for any Crime, though his Judges have neither competent witnesses, nor testimonies to evidence his guiltiness, yet that if they think in their consciences he be guilty, they may condemn him out of the private testimony of their own consciences!

Friday, February 10.

This day there was a certain person had Audience in the House, who presented himself to be an Agent from Cardinal *Mazarine*. He was brought into the House with the Mace going before him, on his left hand went the Master of the Ceremonies, on his right hand the Secretary of State; But when all came to all, he appeared to be a French Dancing-Master, as you shall hear by his Speech.

Monfieur de man in de Shear,

BEgar me no speak a si bon English comme vous, but me make a de shift for to speak a de leetle, pour make a you ave a de some understanding of mine affaires. Begar Monfieur, mine affaires be de plus important affaires in all de varle, begar and dat is mush, you'll say. Begar me play ode leetle Fidele, me teash a to daunce, o so rare,

rare, so rare; begar you no ave a so brave fellow in all *England* besides me selfe. Begar your autre Maistres dey teash make legg like a de Bear, or like a de Hoarse; begar all mee Scholars be all de compaignie for a de Prince, au de Princeffe: But begar dit is noting to dat I kenow, for begar me can teash all de people to daunce after mine peepe. Begar if you will donne moy l'Argent, me give you dis peepe, and me teash a you to make a de people daunce after your peepe, begar the people all follow your peepe, comme de tree au de stone foillow astre de Poete *Orfu's*. Par masoy n'aucun autre man in de varle offre so greate advantage to any Prince in de varle. Begar if you make a de refuser, mee go presentemant to Monsieur de King of o de *Swedes*, au mee go to Monsieur de King de *Danemark*, mee varrant you me live a dere in de plus great fame in de varle.

The House having heard his Speech, Ordered that the business should be referr'd to a Committee to consider thereof. But the impatient French-man thinking himself scorn'd, because he did not receive a present Answer, went away in a great fume, telling them, *They should make a Whistle of his Breech, before they should have his Pipe, since they put such a contempt upon his worth.*

Saturday, February 11.

Ordered, that Mr. *Harringtons* Tenent of *Rotation* is of dangerous consequence, and destructive to the Interest of this House, and that one of the Serjeants men be sent to him, to desire him not to trouble himself with those things which do so little concern him.

Upon this a Petition was presented from the Coffee-man, humbly requesting the House to let him alone for his own benefit, for that he had been at a very great charge to rail in the Room, and for making a great table: Whereupon the House taking it into debate, Ordered that the Rotators should continue till he was satisfied for his rails and table, and no longer.

Ordered, that *Politicus* do continue in his Office of contriving false Intelligence, because no person of ability elf will undertake the employment

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